



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 30, 2014
Schedule 17**

PLEASE NOTE: January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 30, 2014

SB 573 **Senator Frosh**

REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS – APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER

Altering the circumstances under which condominium unit owners may file a petition for appointment of a receiver; repealing a condition on the authority to proceed with the petition; altering the time until which a receiver shall serve; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

RP, § 11-109.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 574 Senator Jones–Rodwell**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GARRETT–JACOBS MANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 575 Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – CODE SIMPLIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying that specified references to individual retirement accounts include traditional and Roth individual retirement accounts; clarifying that a member of the Employees' Pension System who resumes employment before a specified date may resume participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection if the employer participates in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection; clarifying that the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit does not apply to employees of specified participating governmental units; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SP, Various Sections - amended and § 29-303(h) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 576 Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO
SUBMIT CERTIFICATION**

Altering the amount a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf must pay as a penalty for failing to submit to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Department of Education within a specified period of time a specified certification regarding specified retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System who are employed by a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf and are exempt from a specified retirement allowance offset.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(9) and 23-407(c)(9) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 577 Senator Astle**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – STATE
FACILITIES – CEMETERIES**

Requiring the State to maintain specified cemeteries in accordance with a specified definition; making provisions of State law that apply to property of cemeteries also apply to a cemetery owned by the State and located on the grounds of a State facility; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report on the implementation of specified provisions to specified legislative committees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SF, § 10-309 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 578 Senator Reilly, et al**EDUCATION – PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS
FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS (PARCC) – IMPLEMENTATION
TIMELINE**

Requiring each county board of education to determine the implementation timeline for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), notwithstanding any other provision of law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 7-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 579 **Senator Reilly, et al****EDUCATION – EVALUATION OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS – IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE**

Requiring the State Board of Education to determine the implementation timeline for the evaluation of teachers and principals in public schools in the State, notwithstanding any other provision of law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 6-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 580 **Senators Shank and Jacobs****HEALTH – REPORTING OF DEATH AND BURIAL OR DISPOSAL OF BODY – REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES**

Requiring specified individuals who have personal knowledge of the death of another individual or who have personally discovered a body to provide specified notice of the death within 4 hours to a specified law enforcement officer, physician, or 9–1–1 system; prohibiting an individual from burying or disposing of a body except in a specified manner; and establishing a specified penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 5-514 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SB 581 **Senators Shank and Jacobs****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIMINUTION CREDITS – SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS OR LESS**

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate committed to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a local correctional facility who is serving a sentence of 30 days or less; and applying the Act prospectively.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CS, §§ 3-702 and 11-502 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 582 Senator Stone, et al**ELECTION LAW – REDISTRICTING BALLOT QUESTIONS – MAP OF PROPOSED DISTRICTS**

Requiring that a specified statement providing notice of a ballot question relating to congressional redistricting include the address of a Web site where a map of the boundaries of the proposed districts may be viewed; and requiring that a map of the proposed districts be posted in each polling place if there is a question on the ballot relating to congressional redistricting.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

EL, §§ 7-105(b) and 10-306 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 583 Senators Kelley and Middleton**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – INTEREST PAYABLE ON ESCROW ACCOUNTS AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Altering the interest rate payable by specified lending institutions on escrow accounts created in connection with loans secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on residential real property; altering the interest rate payable by specified banking institutions on interest bearing accounts instituted for a specific purpose; and applying the Act retroactively to escrow accounts and savings accounts in existence on or after January 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

CL, §§ 12-109(b) and 12-1026(b) and FI, § 5-302(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 584 Senator Astle**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law requiring specified firearms manufacturers and dealers and the Department of State Police to take specified actions relating to identification of handguns.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 5-131 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 585 Senator Middleton**COMMERCIAL LAW – PATENT INFRINGEMENT – ASSERTIONS
MADE IN BAD FAITH**

Prohibiting a person from making specified assertions of patent infringement in bad faith; authorizing a court to consider specified factors as evidence of whether a person has made an assertion of patent infringement in bad faith or in good faith; authorizing specified individuals to bring an action in a specified court to recover for injuries or losses sustained as a result of a violation of the Act; authorizing a court to award damages and remedies under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

CL, §§ 11-1601 through 11-1604 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 586 Senator Conway**STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –
FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS – UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS**

Authorizing an unannounced inspection of a licensed funeral establishment by the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to include advanced notice that an inspector may be in the region for the purpose of conducting the inspection under specified circumstances; requiring specified licensees to give access to a member or an employee of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 7-409 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 587 Senator Conway**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – CEASE AND
DESIST ORDERS, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, AND PENALTIES**

Authorizing the State Board of Examiners in Optometry to issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive relief for a violation of specified provisions of law; providing that specified actions may be brought by specified persons in specified counties; providing that proof of specified damages is not required for specified actions; providing that a person who violates specified provisions of law is subject to a civil fine not exceeding a specified amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 11-320 - added and § 11-505 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 588 Senator Rosapepe**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – SOUTH ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY**

Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually October 2 as South Asian American Heritage Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge specified organizations to observe the month with specified activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

GP, § 7-410 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 589 Senator Jones–Rodwell, et al**TOBACCO TAXES – HEALTHY MARYLAND INITIATIVE**

Requiring a specified level of funding for the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program; altering the tobacco tax rates on cigarettes and other tobacco products; requiring certain wholesalers of cigarettes and other tobacco products to report the amount of other tobacco products sold on a tobacco tax return; and defining certain terms.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, § 13-1015 and TG, §§ 12-105 and 12-202 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 590 Senator Brinkley**INCOME TAX – PASS–THROUGH ENTITY – MAXIMUM RATE**

Providing that for a specified amount of income distributed to specified members of an S corporation, specified partnerships, a limited liability company, or specified trusts, the State income tax rate is 2.875% and the county income tax rate may not exceed 1.6%; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, §§ 10-105(a) and 10-106(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 591 Senator Simonaire**CHESAPEAKE BAY STRIPED BASS FISHERY – ALLOCATION OF COMMERCIAL QUOTA**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to initially allocate an equal percentage of the State's total commercial quota for the Chesapeake Bay striped bass gill net and hook and line fishery to each participant in the fishery.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

NR, § 4-701(j)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 592 Senator Jones–Rodwell**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS – CERTIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified regulations on or before January 1, 2014; requiring the Department, if applicable, to receive specified approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; requiring the Department and the Maryland Insurance Administration to establish a specified stakeholder workgroup; requiring the workgroup to conduct a specified study and make specified recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

HG, § 15-148 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 593 Senator Rosapepe**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS – AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim November as American Indian Heritage Month; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 13-506 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 594 **Senator Astle****HEPATITIS C – OPPORTUNITY FOR TESTING AND FOLLOW-UP HEALTH CARE**

Requiring hospitals and specified health care practitioners who provide specified care in specified health care facilities to offer specified individuals a Hepatitis C screening test or a Hepatitis C diagnostic test; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 18-1003 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 595 **Senator Peters, et al****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – RESTRICTIONS ON INCOME-PRODUCING REAL PROPERTY – FISCAL IMPACT REVIEW**

Requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide a copy of rent-control legislation to the Department of Legislative Services prior to enacting the legislation; requiring the Department to prepare a fiscal note and economic impact analysis for the legislation within 30 days; requiring a copy of the fiscal note and economic impact analysis to be provided to specified persons; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

LG, § 1-1312 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 596 **Senator Peters, et al****INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF – EXTENSION**

Extending by 2 years specified termination provisions relating to an income tax subtraction modification for mortgage forgiveness debt relief; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Chapter 545 of the Acts of 2012, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 597 Senator Peters, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CALVERT COUNTY – END HUNGER WAREHOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the End Hunger In Calvert County, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the End Hunger Warehouse, located in Calvert County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 598 Senator Edwards**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – GARRETT COUNTY – HART ANIMAL CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the HART for Animals, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the HART Animal Center, located in Garrett County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 599 Senator Edwards**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION AND CARE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Allegany County Animal Shelter Adoption and Care Center, located in Allegany County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 600 Senator Pugh, et al**REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Program; authorizing specified institutions to apply to the Secretary of Business and Economic Development to have a specified area of the State designated as a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise zone; requiring county and municipal corporations to provide specified property tax credits for entities locating in a zone; allowing entities locating in a zone to claim specified income tax credits and make specified income tax modifications; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EC and TG, Various Sections - amended and added and TP, § 9-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 601 Senator Miller, et al**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND E–NNOVATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

Establishing a Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Program; establishing a Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Fund and a Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Fund Authority in the Department of Business and Economic Development; providing for the membership and duties of the Authority; allowing specified companies to purchase credits against the insurance premium tax or Maryland corporate income tax in order to fund specified research at specified institutions of higher education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC, §§ 6-601 through 6-631 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)78. - added and IN, § 6-122 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)76. and 77. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 602 The President, et al**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a specified limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax; repealing a specified limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2017; and altering a specified limit on the amount of the Maryland estate tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 7-309(b)(1), (2), and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 603 Senator DeGrange, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT FUND**

Establishing the Cybersecurity Investment Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Corporation to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC, §§ 10-463 through 10-465 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)76. and 77. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)78. - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 604 Senator Manno, et al**INCOME TAX FORMS – GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Requiring the Comptroller to include on specified tax forms a demonstrative representation of how much of each dollar that the General Fund receives is spent on specified categories; providing that the representation may be in graphical or pictorial form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TG, § 2-104(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 605 Senator Edwards**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – UPPER STORIES OF COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES – REHABILITATION**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on an existing commercial structure in which a specified investment is made to allow for the adaptive reuse of the upper stories of the structure; providing for the amount and duration of the tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 9-256 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 606 Senator Robey, et al**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – DEPUTY SECRETARY – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the number of deputy secretaries to be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Governor; requiring the Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, to appoint the Deputy Secretary for Developmental Disabilities; eliminating the position of Director of the Developmental Disabilities Administration and establishing as the head of the Administration the Deputy Secretary for Developmental Disabilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, Various Sections - amended, § 7-101(e) - added, and § 7-101(f) - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 607 Senator Shank, et al**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – FAILURE TO REPORT AND TRAINING**

Requiring an agency that is participating in a child abuse or neglect investigation and that has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has failed to report child abuse as required under a specified provision of law to file a specified complaint with a specified board, agency, institution, or facility; requiring each health occupation board authorized to issue a license or certificate to adopt specified regulations regarding training on the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, § 5-705.3 and HO, § 1-222 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 608 Senators Shank and Gladden**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – SWIFT AND CERTAIN SANCTIONS PILOT PROGRAM – EXPANSION**

Expanding the Swift and Certain Sanctions Pilot Program to include Baltimore City and individuals under mandatory supervision; and extending the termination date of the program for 2 years until September 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Chapter 555 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 609 Senator Jennings**ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FEE – MOBILE HOME PARK**

Specifying a Bay Restoration Fee for a group of not more than 25 mobile homes under single ownership that is connected to an onsite sewage disposal system and does not receive a water bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 9-1605.2(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 610 Senator Jennings**NATIONAL GUARD – TUITION ASSISTANCE – MEMBERS OF DISBANDED UNITS**

Providing that if a specified member of the Maryland National Guard is receiving specified tuition assistance from the Military Department and is part of a specified unit that has been disbanded due to specified reasons, the member can satisfy specified requirements relating to the tuition assistance in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

PS, § 13-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 611 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL EVENT (CHARITY) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Establishing in Calvert County a special event (charity) beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license; specifying the type of organization or group of individuals to which the Board of License Commissioners may issue the license, subject to limitations; specifying that the license authorizes a holder to hold and sell alcoholic beverages at a specified event to benefit a person or organization in dire need of financial assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 8-205 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 612 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY – SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER RETIREMENT PLAN PARTICIPATION**

Authorizing a County Commissioner of Calvert County to participate in the Calvert County Employees Retirement Savings Plan; altering the salaries of the Sheriff of Calvert County, Orphan's Court Judges for Calvert County, and Calvert County Treasurer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 2-101, CJ, § 2-309(f)(1)(i), ET, § 2-108(f), and LG, § 16-202(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 613 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – TRANSIENT CHARGE**

Altering the definition of a “transient charge” as it relates to a hotel charge for sleeping accommodations that is subject to the hotel rental tax in Frederick County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

LG, § 20-401 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 614 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – PAYMENT OF WAGES**

Authorizing Frederick County to pay the wages of an employee by debit card and to require an employee to receive the payment of wages by debit card or by direct deposit as a condition of employment; and requiring the county, under specified circumstances, to provide specified employees with a specified statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LG, § 12-109 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 615 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING PERMITS**

Increasing to four the number of gaming events that a specified organization in Frederick County may hold in a calendar year in which the major prize has a value of more than \$5,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 13-1304(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 616 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND TRUST**

Authorizing the governing body of Frederick County to exempt real property that is owned by an affordable housing land trust but not subject to an affordable housing land trust agreement from the county property tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 7-518 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 617 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff during a specified term of office; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 2-309(l)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 618 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COUNTRY INN LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Frederick County to issue a Class B–CI (country inn) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license for the use of an establishment that meets specified requirements in a specified election district.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 8-211(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 619 **Senators Brinkley and Young****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ORGANIZATIONAL LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Frederick County to issue a specified alcoholic beverages license to specified types of organizations located in the county; and requiring the net proceeds of the sale of alcoholic beverages under specified licenses to be used solely for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 8-211(g-1) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 620 **Senator Kelley****MENTAL HEALTH – APPROVAL BY CLINICAL REVIEW PANEL OF ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION – STANDARD**

Altering the standard for approval by specified clinical review panels of the administration of specified medication to specified individuals with mental disorders admitted to specified facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 10-708(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 621 **Senator Frosh****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE – AUGMENTED ESTATE**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to a surviving spouse making an election to take a specified share of the net estate of the decedent instead of the property left to the surviving spouse under the will; providing that a surviving spouse is entitled to take a specified elective share amount of a specified augmented estate; providing for the determination of the value of an augmented estate and the marital property portion of an augmented estate; providing for payment of an elective share; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ET, §§ 3-203 through 3-208 - repealed and §§ 3-401 through 3-413 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 622 Senator Middleton**HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOL**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to work with payors and providers to attain benchmarks for overriding a payor's step therapy or fail–first protocol; requiring the benchmarks to include, on or before January 1, 2015, establishment by a specified payor of a process for a provider to override the step therapy or fail–first protocol of the payor; limiting the duration of a step therapy or fail–first protocol imposed by an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, § 19-108.2 - amended and HG, § 19-706(oooo) and IN, § 15-141 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 623 Senators Brochin and Klausmeier**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY STATION EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company Station, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 624 Senator Feldman**INSURANCE – TITLE INSURERS – TITLE INSURANCE COMMITMENT AND BINDERS**

Altering specified information that a title insurer is required to include in specified disclosures; requiring a title insurer to disclose specified information concerning the effect of specified documents in a specified manner; providing that a title insurance commitment or a specified sample form constitutes a specified written statement; providing that a title insurance commitment or sample form is not a representation as to the state of title and does not constitute an abstract or a report of title; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, §§ 22-101 and 22-104 - added and § 22-103 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 625 Senator Feldman**COMMISSION ON TAX POLICY, REFORM, AND FAIRNESS**

Establishing the Commission on Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness; specifying the membership of the Commission; providing for the appointment of a Senate cochair and House cochair of the Commission; providing for the staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to study, consider, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring a report on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 626 Senator Madaleno, et al**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – PAY IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM AND TUITION FREEZE – STUDIES**

Requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to study the creation of a potential Pay It Forward Pilot Program; requiring the study to consider specified items; requiring the Board of Regents to study whether public institutions of higher education could successfully implement specified tuition freeze programs; and requiring the Board of Regents to report its findings and recommendations on the potential programs on or before December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 627 **Senator Madaleno, et al****SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENTS AND EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY TAX
LIMITATIONS**

Altering the definition of “cost”, as it relates to the authority of specified counties to create special taxing districts, to include specified operating expenses; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to set special rates for any class of property in a special taxing district that is subject to the county property tax and to set a property tax rate in a special taxing district that is higher than the county tax limitation, notwithstanding specified provisions of law or a county charter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

LG, § 21-501(c) - amended and TP, § 6-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 628 **Senator Madaleno, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEEDS AND EXPENDITURES OF
STATE PROGRAMS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Needs and Expenditures of State Programs; establishing the membership and staff of the Task Force; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to examine and make findings and recommendations on specified issues related to the needs and expenditures of State programs; requiring the Task Force to submit specified reports by specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 629 Senator Madaleno**COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE SURCHARGE**

Authorizing a county or municipal corporation to impose, by ordinance or resolution, an annual vehicle registration fee surcharge for the registration of a classified vehicle; providing that the surcharge may not exceed \$20; requiring that revenue from the surcharge be used for specified transportation development purposes; providing that a municipal corporation may not impose a surcharge that is greater than a specified amount if the county that the municipal corporation is located in imposes a surcharge; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TR, §§ 12-118(b), 12-120(a), and 13-938 - amended and §§ 12-118(f) and 13-956 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 630 Senator Madaleno, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – STUDENT LOAN DEBT**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified income of specified individuals from the discharge of student loan debt under specified circumstances; requiring an individual to submit specified documentation to qualify for the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-207(bb) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 631 Senator Madaleno**ENVIRONMENT – RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS – SETBACK CERTIFICATION**

Requiring specified retail service stations constructed or expanded after a specified date to meet specified requirements; requiring a person constructing a specified retail service station on or after October 1, 2014, to apply to the Department of the Environment for a setback certification; requiring the Department to issue a setback certification if a specified retail service station meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BR, § 10-504 and EN, §§ 6-101 through 6-104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 632 Senator Madaleno, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS**

Allowing a qualified taxpayer a credit against the State income tax for up to 50% of the qualified student loan payments made by the taxpayer during the taxable year; providing that the credit may not exceed the lesser of 20% of the average annual tuition during the taxable year at all institutions of higher education or \$2,500; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-736 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 633 Senator DeGrange, et al**MARYLAND EDUCATION CREDIT**

Providing a tax credit against the State income tax for contributions made to specified student assistance organizations; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the tax credit; requiring specified entities to submit an application to be a student assistance organization on or before December 1 of each year; establishing the Maryland Education Tax Credit Reserve Fund; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, §§ 10-205(l), 10-306(g), and 10-736 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 634 Senator Glassman**TASK FORCE TO REVIEW PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES AND THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS PROCESS**

Establishing a Task Force to Review Property Tax Assessment Procedures and the Assessment Appeals Process; establishing the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; requiring that the Task Force issue a report by January 1, 2015; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 635 Senator Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**

Requiring that members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education be elected and appointed, as specified; repealing provisions relating to a retention election for specified appointed members of the county board; establishing procedures for the election and appointment of members of the county board; providing for a nonpartisan election for specified members of the county board; providing for the termination of the terms of specified members of the county board; providing for a delayed effective date of the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 3-108, 3-110, and 3-114 - amended and § 3-2A-01 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 636 Senator Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – METHOD FOR SELECTION OF MEMBERS (LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2014)**

Requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Anne Arundel County at the November general election of 2014 to determine the sense of the voters of the County on the issue of changing the method of selecting members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education; and providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 637 Senator Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER – LIMITATION ON CANDIDACY FOR OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICE**

Prohibiting a member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education from being a candidate for election to a municipal, county, or State office during the 2-year period immediately following the conclusion of the term to which the member was appointed; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 3-110 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 638 Senator Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

Requiring the Governor, in a specified manner, to appoint the members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from specified lists; requiring the Governor, in a specified manner, to fill specified vacant seats on the Board from specified lists; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 15-101(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 639 Senator Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY AND DEPUTY, ASSISTANT, AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANT STATE’S ATTORNEYS – ANNUAL SALARY AND COMPENSATION**

Altering, beginning January 1, 2015, subject to specified approval, the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Anne Arundel County; providing that the State’s Attorney may set specified salaries and compensation subject to the approval of the county council; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent State’s Attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 15-403(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 640 Senator Raskin, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – CHECKPOINTS – PROHIBITION ON TARGETING MOTORCYCLES**

Prohibiting a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint from targeting only motorcycles for inspection or evaluation; creating a specified exception to the prohibition for a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint established as part of a police search or investigation; providing for the construction of a provision of law governing obedience to a lawful order or direction of a police officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-103 - amended and § 25-114 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 641 Senator Mathias, et al**KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS ORAL CHEMOTHERAPY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014**

Altering the scope of specified provisions of law relating to coverage of cancer chemotherapy to include specified policies or contracts issued or delivered by specified entities that provide essential health benefits required under specified provisions of federal law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, § 15-846 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 642 Senator Mathias**HEALTH INSURANCE – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS – REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND TERMINATION DATE**

Repealing the requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Office of the Attorney General, conduct a specified study and submit specified reports to the General Assembly on or before specified dates; and repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and reimbursement of nonpreferred providers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 537 of the Acts of 2010, § 3 - repealed and § 7 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 643 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FOOD BANK FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 644 **Senator Ferguson, et al**

STATE GOVERNMENT – OPEN DATA POLICY – COUNCIL ON OPEN DATA

Establishing a State policy that open data be machine readable and released to the public in specified ways; establishing a Council on Open Data; providing for the composition, appointment, terms, chairs, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to promote the policy on open data by providing specified guidance and policy recommendations, coordinating specified staff, identifying specified costs and funding mechanisms and advising the Governor and General Assembly on specified budget matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SG, §§ 10-1401 through 10-1404 and SF, § 14-417 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 645 **Senator Ferguson**

STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF NONPRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTIES

Providing that a member of a State board or commission appointed by the Governor may be a member of a nonprincipal political party; and defining the term “nonprincipal political party”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 8-505 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 30, 2014**SJ 5** **Senator Simonaire**

COMMEMORATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADDITION OF “UNDER GOD” TO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the addition of “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs